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Wednesday
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Staff meeting.

The Japanese Ambassador signed the agreement with the International Bank and Monetary Fund in the Diplomatic Reception Room this morning. I sat beside him while photographs and news reels were taken pointing my finger at the place where he was supposed to sign as if he were a congenital idiot. This lasted about 15 minutes, at the conclusion of which I made a speech of congratulation to him and he responded in kind. We then spent [redacted] another 15 minutes shaking hands with each other and making grimaces of pleasure. When I left him he was going through the whole thing again in Japanese.

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Wally Booth came to see me about his troubles with guerrillas.

Then I saw John Speaks, [redacted] worried about how to finance the electronics business [redacted] he is engaged in, and [redacted] the usual difficulties attendant upon research and development.

After talking to Jack McFall, George Perkins discussed with me the set-up for representation to the Schuman Plan High Authority.

Jack Hickerson came in with the slate of the American Delegation to the next United Nations meeting. This will have to be taken up with the President tomorrow.

Messrs. Matthews, Bonbright, Bohlen and Arneson talked to me about [redacted] H-bomb development, and a visa case B1-EA involving the French mother of a young man [redacted] about to marry Archie Alexander's daughter. It seems [redacted] the mother, and also the brother of the prospective bridegroom are under suspicion of being Communist sympathizers.

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I talked to Harold Linder about the Pakistan wheat situation, and also about Iran. The latter vexatious question has been up and around all day.

Charlie Saltzman called me tonight to say ~~that~~ General Haskell had died today, and ~~that~~ the family could not locate John, who is travelling somewhere in Europe. I telegraphed our Embassies in Paris and Brussels to see if they could get the news to him, and send him back for the funeral.

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